

OROVILLE FACILITIES RELICENSING COMMENTS, ISSUES, AND CONCERNS RECEIVED TO DATE

The following issues and interests related to the relicensing of the Oroville Facilities, grouped by subject, have been raised by the public either at the June 29, 2000 Public Meeting or submitted to DWR in writing.

Recreation and Socioeconomics

- Need private enterprise contracts in recreational planning
- Existing recreational facilities are not adequate to meet demand
- Look at future and reliable funding sources for recreational development
- Increase camping facilities
- Increase parking facilities
- Increase marinas
- Need private catering and a floating restaurant
- Need water boat training (like Butte Sailing Club offers)
- Increased hiking trails
- Trails (equestrian, bicycle, hiking)
- Upgrade roads to facilities
- Upgrade all facilities and develop more areas for recreation
- Upgrade portable restrooms to permanent ones
- Lake levels sink too low in the summer – suggested level for boaters between 890-895 feet elevation (hard to launch a boat when full at 900 feet)
- Should be held to commitments made over 30 years ago
- DWR should fund JPA for a good plan

Cultural Resources

- Fishing rights and water rights are gone
- Need to involve all Tribes, not just Federally recognized ones
- Cultural resources that lie beneath the reservoir need to be considered
- Tribes want input on all issues

Facility Operations (water supply, flood management, and hydropower)

- Water supply is important to the entire state
- Relationship to flood control projects proposed in Butte County
- Need lower power rates
- Why is water cheaper in LA than up here?
- Can a powerhouse be built above Oroville?
- Water levels are too low in the summer
- Need to recalculate flood flow frequency data
- Silicon Valley is driving the State's economy, they can't lose the water

Fisheries, Aquatic Habitats, and Water Quality

None identified

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitats

None identified

Land Use and Aesthetics

None identified

General Comments

- Want assurances that DWR will keep word this time
- DWR is reason for Butte County stagnation
- Should be a steering committee open to all to participate
- Should establish a policy group
- All groups should get together to agree on plans and actions to improve all aspects of the Lake Oroville area
- DWR needs to respect people's schedules and should have 'rules of engagement'
- Meetings should be held near the facilities
- DWR is responsible for lack of economic development